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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD  
Office of the Executive Secretary

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE  
OFFICE (NRO)

SUBJECT : Need for Additional [Redacted Box] 1963

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REFERENCE : USIB-D-41.15/19 (COMOR-D-48/48),  
26 September 1963 (copy attached)

1. Please be advised, in confirmation of our telephone report on this date to [Redacted Box] of your office, that the United States Intelligence Board (USIB) has approved the recommendation made in the reference by its Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR), viz., that Mission 9059A be fired as presently scheduled, on or about

[Redacted Box]

2. Accordingly, the above action is referred hereby to NRO for appropriate action.

(Signed)  
JAMES S. LAY, JR.  
Executive Secretary

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1. The Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance has been briefed on the results of the last [ ] 9058A, and as a result of this briefing, in paragraph 6 recommends another [ ] during 1963.

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2. 9058A had no significant malfunction and both the stellar and the main camera worked exceptionally well. However, because 9058A was limited to a 4 day mission and because it encountered bad luck with weather, significant gaps requiring coverage still exist. These factors resulted in [ ] when there was less than 50% cloud cover.

3. The briefing clearly displayed the gaps remaining in [ ] coverage and described the need to fill these with [ ]

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4. Mission 9059A promises to be better than 9058A, since it is planned as a 5 day mission rather than a 4 day mission, thus providing a capability to employ the available film supply more selectively over land areas.

5. COMOR concludes that the task of establishing sufficient geodetic position to permit optimum accuracy against targets in the USSR has not yet

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been achieved and needs to be completed. The Secretary of Defense in emphasizing the short-term military need for geodetic position accuracy has also emphasized the longer-term requirement in observing that all reduction in the error in our accuracy equates to a general reduction in stockpile.

6. COMOR recommends that 9059A be fired as presently scheduled,

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(Signed)  
James Q. Reber  
Chairman  
Committee on Overhead  
Reconnaissance

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